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AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

EVERY session of the legislature seems obsessed with the idea of tinkering with the constitution. Accordingly a few statesmen get busy with an agitation that generally ends in doing nothing. So far as the constitution is concerned there might be none at all for all the respect that is shown by the bar which delights in picking flaws with the foundation of our liberties. Almost every case involving a constitutional point has seen the dear old charter of Nevada torn, distorted and twisted to suit the caprices of those who have sufficient pull or influence to enforce their arguments. The present assembly is no different from those that preceded it so the state is now engaged in discussing whether or not there shall be a constitutional convention to rebuild the platform. Some of the ideas advanced so far do not appeal very strongly to sensible people as they are the result of superficial observation and too little reflection. One solon at Carson City would have the business relegated to a committee appointed from the silk stocking brigade who would donate their services to the cause without either emolument or consideration. This committee would report the result of its findings to another committee consisting of the chief state officers and members of the judiciary who would accept or reject what was suggested by the first committee. For an outright convention with the choice of delegates made by the people the objection is advanced that there would be too many radicals included in the gathering. In other words the powers that be, meaning the state administration, arrogates to itself authority for outlining a constitution which must suit the classes or be rejected in toto. If, as they say, the radicals are in power and numerically superior throughout the state there is no fundamental reason why the radicals should not have what they want. This is a government of the majority and the minority must submit as gracefully as circumstances will admit. One thing is certain and that is, whenever the new constitution is written the present administration will have to sing low or be put out of the meeting. Through the machinations of a political cabal at Carson City, the citizens of Nevada have been prone to accept whatever is handed out without regard to rhyme or reason but this latest attempt to put over a non-salaried, silk stocking, highbrow aggregation on the taxpayers will not stand a popular test. Dictation has been the slogan of the Democratic party whose following in Nevada have taken the bait, hook, sinker and line whenever offered. If there is to be a constitutional convention let it be called in the regular way and give electors a chance to select for themselves. Give us the best men and pay them well for services, above all considerations, let the gathering be representative.

PARTNERS OF RAVISHERS

AT this time when the claims of the Near East are pressed on our attention with confirmed reports of rape, robbery, slaughter of Armenian Christians and an era of pillage and plunder it is well to reflect on what the United States did to avert this alternative which all knew was coming as the result of Turkish and Bulgarian excesses. Throughout the war this country was a political partner of Bulgaria for the United States never declared war on that tottering power and therefore should be held to strict accountability for sharing in the outrages that shook our ears in these days of appeals. When we read of 10,000 Armenians slaughtered, as many more driven out on the desert to starve to death, the virgins of households segregated and turned over to the bestial lust of Bulgarians and Turks, it might be well to halt a moment in our righteous indignation and send a probe down deep into our own national conscience. The result will be amazing. This country was always at peace with Bulgaria and failed to support Venizelos, the Greek patriot whose efforts finally won the redemption of Macedonia. America offered shelter for the Bulgarian legation at Washington where the members kept up a constant fusillade of propaganda against Greece and Serbia. If this country harbored such propagandists it must necessarily have been on the side of the atrocious Bulgarian and his associate and partner in crime, the wily Moslem. By failing to declare war against Turkey and Bulgaria we betrayed our allies, connived at the murder of Nestorians and Greek Christians in Asiatic Turkey and deserve the everlasting execrations of the brave Greeks and Serbs. Fighting one way in France we aligned ourselves with the enemies of France in the east.

PROHIBITION BREEDING HYPOCRITES

THE temporary triumph of prohibition is breeding hypocrites as fast as decaying matter breeds maggots. And the noisiest and the most contemptible of the lot is William Randolph Hearst. No matter how opposed to the principle one may be, he can have respect for a zealous and earnest prohibitionist who really believes in prohibition and who has been sincere and consistent in the faith. But no man can hold other than in scorn any who flock to prohibition for political or personal reasons. And especially must he have thorough contempt for any man who will dishonestly proclaim himself a prohibitionist, after having fought prohibition all his life, even up to the very minute of the present victory.

Of such, however, is the kingdom of William Randolph.

This is the same Hearst who always has proclaimed prohibition to be against the best interests of temperance; who has advocated and championed the drinking of light wines and beers as by far the best means of national sobriety.

One reason for the shameful hypocrisy is this: Hearst finds himself in bad odor with vast legions of the American citizenry because of his pro-German utterances, his antagonism to Liberty bonds, and similar anti-American acts and utterances.

And he is playing now to the prohibition and evangelical church forces of the country, in the hope that they will put forth their influence and their power in his laudation; so as, in fact, to cause a great percentage of the American people to forget his pro-

Germanism in extolling his "conversion" to prohibition.

And these zealots will grow angry if they are told that, when the pendulum swings back, as it undoubtedly will, this same William Randolph Hearst will follow said pendulum, and will thank God for the triumph of sober sense and human rights over the slavery of Puritanism, as he now thanks Him for the present "evidence and expression of the higher morality of the new era upon which we are entering."

Lawmakers should institute some reforms among themselves before prating of economy. For instance, after the legislature appropriated \$60,000 to cover their own mileage and per diem charges there arose a unanimous demand for adjournment over Monday. If the people ever hope to see economy practised in Carson City they will have to learn to make a better choice of candidates.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS FOR MINNESOTA COLLEGE

(By Associated Press)

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 27.—Football prospects at the University of Minnesota for 1919 will be considered at the annual gridiron feast to be held soon. The captain of the eleven may be elected at the banquet as several stars have one more year to play.

Coach Williams has received word from "Shorty" Long, quarterback, that he will return next fall. Long and Wyman are with the American

army of occupation. No word, however, has been received from Wyman.

It is expected that Parker Anderson, halfback in 1916, and Theron Gerow, both back from France, will return to school. Frank Mayer, all conference tackle, will also attend the university but he has several irregularities in his conference record. "There is a chance that these will be cleared up," said Coach Williams.

LASTING MEMORIAL FOR SOLDIER BOYS

(By Associated Press)

RENO, Jan. 27.—Measures introduced during the coming session of the Nevada legislature will provide for some lasting memorial to the state's soldier and sailor dead, who fell during the war with the central powers. Several members of the legislature are interested in the movement as is Governor Boyle. Those members of the legislature who have expressed themselves on the subject favor the erection of a suitable monument at the state capital on which will be inscribed the names of the men who died in the service together with the dates of their deaths.

Arbor day, hitherto a holiday with but little significance in Nevada, is likely to become an important date in the state's history. Plans already are on foot for a general tree-planting to be participated in by the state officials at which trees will be named after Nevada's hero dead.

Look Only to the Future.

No man has a right to make of his past life a stumbling block, an obstruction in his way of going forward to a new and higher life.—H. W. Beecher.

RENO HIGH SCHOOL CLOSED BY STRIKE

The strikers at the high school were still out, about fifty strong, this afternoon, and chances for a resumption were remote according to the students, says Friday's Reno Gazette. Those who are on strike congregate in front of the McKissick hotel and in front of the high school and endeavor to waylay those whose purpose it was to attend school in spite of the strike. At noon a mass meeting was held on the Plaza to discuss ways and means of enforcing their demands but it was impossible for them to perfect an organization. Chief of Police Hillhouse preserved order at the meeting and was an interested spectator.

The only decision reached was that they would not return until basketball had been reinstated, and also, until one of their leaders, who had been expelled, should be allowed to return to school.

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